

### **Safely Home**

I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright! There is perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed. I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread.
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still.
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.



## **In Loving Memory Of**

# Frank Kiefer

September 13, 1930 Hague, North Dakota December 7, 2025 Faulkton, South Dakota

**WAKE SERVICE:** 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 11, 2025 St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church - Faulkton, South Dakota

**ROSARY:** Daryl Kiefer

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL: 10:30 a.m., Friday, December 12, 2025 St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church - Faulkton, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Fr. John Short

LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Bill Warren

**OFFERTORY:** Shellby Schlomer and Jenna VanderLaan

PLACING OF THE PALL: Frank's Children

#### CASKET BEARERS:

Colton Kiefer, Derek Kiefer, Quinn Kiefer, Carter Kiefer, Eric Kiefer, Tobey VanderLaan, and Jon Schlomer

#### **HONORARY CASKET BEARERS:**

All of Frank's Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Great-Great Grandchildren, Family, and Friends

#### **MUSICIANS:**

Linda Bartholomew and Peter Franck

#### **HYMNS:**

"How Great Thou Art" "Amazing Grace"
"Peace is Flowing Like a River" "Song of Farewell" "Abide With Me"

INTERMENT: St. Thomas Catholic Cemetery
Faulkton, South Dakota
With Military Honors



Faulkton, South Dakota www.familyfuneralhome.net

Frank Kiefer, 95, of Faulkton, passed away, Sunday, December 7, 2025, at Faulkton Senior Living with family by his side.

Frank Kiefer was born in Hague, ND on September 13, 1930, to Peter and Amelia (Zahn) Kiefer. Frank went to school and worked on the family farm in Hague alongside his 10 siblings and parents. Frank joined the Army in January 1951 and after serving three years in Germany he was honorably discharged in January 1954.

While working as a hired hand, Frank met the love of his life, Carol Martschinske, at a local dance. They were married on September 29, 1955. They spent all their married life (64 years) in and around the Faulkton area landing on a farm south of Faulkton. This marriage was blessed with 10 children (8 boys and 2 girls). Frank also spent many years driving school bus in Faulkton.

Frank was a devout Catholic and he was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church in Faulkton. Family was very important to Frank, and he loved family visitors especially when the grandchildren and great-grandchildren arrived. He spent several years caring for Carol before she passed on December 7, 2019. He was an avid reader and loved to play a good game of Rummy. Frank was a member of Foncannon American Legion Post #102 and VFW Post #3179.

Those left to cherish Frank's life are his children: Richard of Copperas Cove, TX, Daryl of Faulkton, SD, Debra (Mark) Kean of West Des Moines, IA, Robbie (Antonia) of Madison, SD, Kevin of Aberdeen, SD, Sandra (Tobey) VanderLann of Mound City, SD, and Jeff of Watertown, SD. Also remembering Frank are his sisters: Helen of Bismark, ND, Alvina of Aberdeen, SD, and Bernice of Bismark, ND; brother, Joe in Tennessee; sister-in-law, Joyce (Martschinske) Bieber of Illinois; 16 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Carol; three sons: Todd, Roger, and Dale; daughter-in-law, Ingrid; his parents, Peter and Amelia Kiefer; siblings: Valentine, Mike, Rose, Katie, Peter, and Anton; parents-in-law, William and Lillian Martschinske; brothers-in-law: Edward, Delmar and Keith; and one sister-in-law, Marjory.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate a donation to St. Thomas Catholic Church, PO Box 394, Faulkton, SD 57438 or the Faulkton Cemetery Association, 619 14<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Faulkton, SD 57438.

